



INDIANOLA INFORMAL K8

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SCHOOL MISSION: We, the members of the Indianola Informal School community, believe that all children can achieve academic success. We believe that children enter school as active learners eager to continue the learning process by working with staff, other children, parents and volunteers. To this end, we will provide opportunities where children learn by doing and by interacting with their environment. We will provide strong positive teacher guidance so those children can take responsibility for their own learning. We will provide opportunities for children to express their knowledge and talents through visual art, music and dance. We will provide an environment, which encourages mutual respect and cultural understanding. We believe that children learn best from people who are lifelong learners. Therefore, we will continue providing opportunities for children and adults to learn simultaneously.

CURRICULUM: Reading, math, language arts, science, social studies, health, art, music, physical education and dance are taught through an integrated curriculum.

READING PROGRAM: Literacy Collaborative reading strategies are used in all classrooms in grades K-5.

LATCHKEY: Available before and after school.

PARENT INVOLVEMENT: An active Parent Teacher Organization coordinates classroom volunteers, the annual book fair and Read-a-Thon, helps fund field trips, classroom and school-wide enrichment, and artist visits. Monthly PTO meetings are held at the school.

WHAT MAKES OUR SCHOOL OUTSTANDING: Integrated units, shared learning with families at evening sharings and looping experiences often provide a two-year program for children with the same teacher and same learning community. A full-time arts team teaching dance/physical education, art and music compliment the instruction in the classroom. The rigorous and enriched curriculum emphasizes problem solving through cooperative learning.

ACTIVITIES: instrumental music, visual arts displays, dance performances. The 4-5 choir, middle grade choir and instrumental music classes hold two major concerts during the year, one in the winter and the other in the spring. Parents host an ice cream social in September and an end of the year carnival in May. Additional opportunities include Techie Club and Invention Convention. Middle School students (grades 7-8) can participate in sports such as girls' volleyball, co-ed soccer, boys' and girls' basketball, co-ed track. Multiple field trips are taken at all grade levels.

ABOUT OUR STAFF: Eighty-five percent of the staff has acquired master's degrees.